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Dear Friends

For once we timed the end of the 2019 season with the beginning of the much awaited rainy season which has now started in earnest.

2019 has been a fantastic season for CMS in pretty much every department.

Buffalo - this year we really are seeing the benefits of voluntarily reducing our buffalo quota from 120 /year when we got the area to our present quota of 45. Our emphasis has always been on old bulls rather than spread. Considering buff take a good 7 years to develop nice solid bosses we did not see the benefit immediately but rather incrementally and we are expecting to have another excellent year next year.











Elephant - we all know the deterrent that the US Fish & Wildlife Service ban has had on not only our elephant hunts but the hunts country wide. This ban has also affected ours and others ability to run effective anti-poaching operations that protect the very species that the USFWS unwittingly think that they are protecting with their bans. Despite this we did do a few short elephant bull hunts in Dande which were as always great and successful hunts. Hunting an elephant bull in the Zambezi Valley is the purest and hardest form of hunting today. As a result it is the most rewarding hunt.









We also did two of our Kazuma bulls here we got a 66 and a 55 lbs in 10 days of hunting which was great.



Lion - unlike the ban on elephant the 5 year old rule on lions has indeed helped our quality and quantity of lions in Dande. We have 5 lions on quota in Dande but only sell two full bag lion hunts as we feel that taking two lions a season has no effect what so ever on the overall numbers or dynamics of lion prides in the area. This year we shot two cats that were aged 5 and 7.



Leopard - leopard continue to be excellent in Dande with 75% been shot in day light hours. We have 10 leopards on tag a year and this year we shot 8 nice male leopards of which 6 were taken in day light hours. The two failed leopards we had were unfortunate as one hunter had a nice male in the tree twice but decided the angle was not right and did not shoot and in the end time ran out.



Plains game - as always one comes to Dande to experience fantastic dangerous game hunting and to pick up a few plains game species along the way. Having said that we have had a pretty good year on plains game and have taken some great sable kudu warthog etc. Without doubt our strong anti-poaching patrols picking up snares etc have led to an increase in plains game numbers.

This year we did several hunts in Nyakasanga out of our own tented camp on the banks of the Zambezi. The hunting in this area was absolutely outstanding and it was a privilege to have had a season in this magical area. We will be selling a few buffalo and tuskless packages again there next year.

We also sent two old clients up to Luwire in Niassa in Mozambique. These are clients of ours who have hunted many times with us and all over Africa. They wanted a true wilderness area in as remote a spot as we could find. Luwire is defiantly that!! It's the old Africa that we all dream of!! While not a cheap hunt the experience and quality of the hunt is unbeatable. If you work hard in this area you have a very good chance at a dugga boy in the mid 40" like the two bulls below shot on one hunt. They went 45 and 46. The eland and sable are superb and the plains game and cats top notch also. Next year we will be selling several hunts in this un-spoilt bit of old Africa!







DAPU – continues to grow and has become a force to be reckoned with in the war against poachers. In October we sent our 22 game scouts for retraining. During that month we saw a marked increase in poaching – a sure sign that DAPU when in the field the poaching is limited.





This year we made several arrests of ivory dealers who have sourced the ivory in next door Mozambique and are trying to sell it in Zim. These dealers all received 9 years in jail.

We had less luck with the judicial system with our arrested meat poachers. One poacher we caught that we tracked from a poisoned waterhole was deemed “confused” by the judge and let off. Since then we have engaged private lawyers and law enforcement agents and have had much more success with convictions. This all costs huge amounts of money and we are grateful for all the donations towards DAPU that we receive. For more information on DAPU you can go to www.dapuzim.com





Social Developments - Apart from our 50% joint venture in hunting that sees the communities receiving 50% of the profits from all the hunts CMS has over and above that contributed to several school projects donating desks and school books at one and we are presently building a school block at another school.

We are in the process with generous help from Dallas Safari Club of up grading the national parks accommodation at Usanga Usanga post as well as having put in a super solar borehole that supplies water to the post and their vegetable gardens.

We have also drilled and equipped another solar borehole called Kavave in the east area which is pumping beautifully. This combined with the up grading of Nhemwa, the first solar borehole we have in the east has really made a difference. Buffalo herds that normally have to go to Mozambique when the pans dry up have remained year around which is very exciting indeed.

Sports has always been a great way to engage communities and this year we have supplied 18 sets of soccer uniforms to all the soccer teams in ward 1 and 2. We have also hosted our annual soccer tournament between the two wards which was won this year by ward 1. It was a very festive and successful tournament.



On a personal note i would like to thank everyone that bought my limited edition of my book "Tall Tales" it is now sold out and we are selling trade editions which are only US\$39.95 each. These I have available and if you are interested you can get one through our website or signed at the shows.

All in all I think we can safely say that 2018 has been an excellent year for CMS and 2019 looks well set to follow in this years footsteps! We are excited to have Allan Shearing joining us in Dallas booth #2311 and Reno booth #1839/40 for the first time. Len will also be with Myles and I at the shows. Later on in the year Myles will be on the blazer booth in Salzburg representing us. We very much look forward to seeing everyone at the shows and wish all a Happy Christmas and new year. All the best Buzz, Myles and CMS.

